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and will be liable for any loss on such investment. *Worrall's Appeal*. KNOX, J.

An improper investment by a trustee may be confirmed by the subsequent assent of the *cestui que trust*, if *sui juris*. But where, after investment by a guardian of a female minor in a canal company's stock, the shares were transferred by the guardian, before filing his accounts, and while the ward was still under age, to the trustee under an antenuptial settlement, and a recital of them made in the deed, but no information was given as to when or by whom the stock had been purchased, it was *held* that its acceptance by the trustee, and the acquiescence of the husband, in the absence of notice, did not amount to a confirmation. *Ibid*.

A trustee is to be allowed six months for the investment of funds coming into his hands, during which time interest will not run against him. *Ibid*.

Commissions are to be deducted from the principal of such funds, as of the time of their receipt, and interest charged against the trustee upon the residue only. *Ibid*.

*Will-Donatio Mortis Causa*.—One, being at sea, and seized with cholera, handed a sailor a bag of gold dust and coin, to give to the purser of the vessel, which was done in his presence. Being asked by the purser, whom he wished to have his effects, he replied "his brother and sister, at P.," giving at the same time his name. He died a few hours afterwards. *Held*, a valid *donatio causa mortis*. *Michner vs. Dale*. WOODWARD, J.

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